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SUBJECT: ITAIPU HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT - VISIT BY

CAVALCANTI AND DEBERNARDI TO US.

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED QUERIES FROM BUREAU OF RECLAMATION (US DEPT. OF INTERIOR) AND FROM PRIVATE FIRM, INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING (IECO), REGARDING PROPOSED UPCOMING TRIP BY CAVALCANTI AND DEBERNARDI TO US, SPONSORED BY GE.

2. DEPARTMENT'S LATEST INFORMATION OF THE VISIT IS FROM DAVID LU (USDOC MAJOR EXPORTS PROJECTS DIVISION), WHO

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VISITED BRAZIL/PARAGUAY IN AUGUST. IN TALKING WITH G.

STEWART OF GE BRAZIL AND LATER WITH DEBERNARDI OF ITAIPU CO. IN ASUNCION, LU WAS ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT GE WAS PLANNING FOR A VISIT BY CAVALCANTI AND DEBERNARDI TO THE US AND CANADA IN MID-OCTOBER.

3. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION IS AWARE OF PLANS FOR PROPOSED VISIT BY MEANS OF REFTEL AND CONTACT WITH IECO, WHICH CLAIMS TO BE WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH GE ON TRIP ARRANGEMENTS, AND HAS INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE CAVALCANTI AND DEBERNARDI VISIT BOTH THE GRAND COULEE THIRD POWER PLANT AT GRAND COULEE, WASHINGTON

STATE, AND THE RESEARCH CENTER IN DENVER, COLORADO, DURING THEIR STAY IN US. INVITATIONS FROM BUREAU COMMISSIONER GILBERT G. STAMM TO CAVALCANTI AND DEBERNARDI WILL FOLLOW, IF TRIP CAN BE CONFIRMED.

4. FYI: NO USG FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE VISITORS' TRAVEL OR LODGINGS. HOWEVER, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION WILL, IF ADVISED OF VISITORS' ETA BY AIR AT SPOKANE OR SEATTLE, PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO GRAND COULEE AND RETURN.

5. SINCE IT IS DEPARTMENT'S UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS VISIT IS BEING ARRANGED AND PAID FOR BY THE GE INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT ANY FURTHER USG INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROPOSED TRIP SHOULD BE AT THE REQUEST OF GE.

6. NEITHER GE WASHINGTON NOR GE NEW YORK HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH INFORMATION ABOUT PROPOSED TRIP.

7. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE POSTS' REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THIS VISIT AND COMMENTS. KISSINGER

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